



The Prairie Grass Newsletter

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Peak Season Begins Soon!

Peak Season will resume for the park on April 1st and continue through October 31st. During this time, the Information Booth at the entrance of the park will be open from 8:00AM-5:00PM Sunday-Thursday; and 7:00AM-7:00PM on Fridays and Saturdays. For the months of May, June, July and August, the booth will be open 7:00AM-7:00PM daily. If weather presents a need for a booth attendant - no rain, ideal boating/camping temperatures - we will open the booth on Saturdays and Sunday from 7:00AM-3:00PM in March.

Restrooms, shower houses, fishing stations and other utilities around the park closed for the winter will reopen by the weekend of April 1st. As always, boat ramps, campsites, trails and the restrooms at the Main RV Campground remain open year round for our visitors in the late winter and early spring.

Programming and events for Peak Season are still in the works, however will have more details by month's end. Currently we are working on more events/activities for our Independence Day weekend, outdoor programming for kids, the continuation of our Mozingo Movie Nights, and partnering with our neighbors at MOERA on kayaking activities. Stay tuned on our Facebook page and our newsletter for updates on upcoming events, brought to you by the MLRP Operations staff and interns.

In the meantime, guests/visitors needing to purchase boat passes, pay for campsites, or needing information may visit the Park Maintenance Building Monday-Friday, from 8:00AM-5:00PM. Boat passes may also be purchased at Maryville Public Safety 24/7, located off 3rd and Vine; or at [Big Bird's Bait & Bow](#) or [Hometown Auto Doctor](#) during their normal business hours.



Watson 9 Update

Thanks to the amazing work of our Park Maintenance crew and volunteers from the Maryville community, the Watson 9 teaching shelter is nearly complete. The shelter, which is located next to the practice greens on the course, will be of great use to the Junior Golf Program, providing both shade and a centralized area for instruction. Construction of the shelter should be concluded before the Grand Opening of the Watson 9, on May 14th.

Campsite Improvements

Continuing with improvements around the RV and tent campgrounds, Park Maintenance has spent the past few weeks putting together new picnic tables. A small number of sites whose picnic tables were in need of replacement sites may be without them temporarily, however we will have their tables returned within the next month or so.



Tackle Box Essentials

Many anglers already know the essentials to bring during a fishing trip: bait, bobbers, sinkers, etc. But here are a few items that are commonly forgotten than EVERY angler should pack on every trip.

1) **Needlenose Pliers:** By far the most important tool in your tackle box. Trust us, you do not want to catch a fish and not have this tool around to safely and conveniently remove the hook. It can also be used to assemble bait and securing some brands of egg sinkers to your line.

2) **Fillet Knife:** Inexpensive and versatile, the fillet knife can be used to cut fishing lines, clean fish, prepare bait, and perform a wide variety of tasks. Keep it covered in your tackle box, or in an area where it is not easy to cut yourself with it.

3) **Insect Repellent:** Whether you are fishing along the shore or on a boat, always assure you have insect repellent with you. It won't help much with catching and handling fish, however it'll keep you comfortable while you do so.

4) **Sunscreen:** Speaking of skin care, **do not** forget sunscreen. Nothing ruins a good day of fishing that coming home burnt from head to toe. Apply sunscreen before your fishing trip and keep some in your tackle box in case you need to reapply it.

5) **Measuring Tape:** You do not want to get busted by conservation agents for not observing length limits. Always keep a small tape measurer in your tackle box to measure you catch and not risk keeping a fish you were not permitted to catch.

6) **First Aid Kit :** Fishing is a relatively safe activity, though it can result in scrapes, bites, or punctures if one is not careful. Always carry a small first aid kit, carrying bandages, antibiotic ointment, pain relievers, aloe gel, so on. With luck, you'll never need it, but you'll regret not having one handy if you do.

7) **Bring extras of everything!** Keep your tackle box tidy, but don't limit yourself to what you think you'll need in a daily setting. Bring extra fishing supplies, **especially** hooks, lines, sinkers and bobbers.



Upcoming Programs & Events

03/21: Mozingo Advisory Board

04/01: Peak Season Begins

04/05: [Maryville Municipal Election](#)

04/18: Mozingo Advisory Board

For a full listing of golf and fishing tournaments, please visit the [Calendar of Events](#) on our website.

Apples by the Fire



Ingredients:

- 1 Granny Smith apple
- 1/4 ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar

This quick and easy treat is the perfect dessert for campers. First, fill the core of the apple with the brown sugar and cinnamon. Next, wrap the apple in a large piece of heavy foil, twisting the extra foil into a tail for a handle. Then, place the apple in the coals of a campfire (or covered grill) and let cook 5 to 10 minutes, until softened. And finally, remove from the heat and unwrap, being careful of the hot sugar. It's as simple as that!

For more helpful camping and hiking tips, visit our [Pinterest](#) page!

Now Hiring: Camp Host

We are now accepting applications for the a [Volunteer RV Campground Host](#). The host will perform a public relations role in the campground by welcoming new visitors and answering questions about the park. Other duties include payment and reservation inspection and some light work such as litter pickup, stocking of restroom supplies and reporting needed repairs. Applicants must own an RV and at least 21 years of age.

Now Hiring: Part-Time Seasonal Help

The Operations division hiring for the following positions: [Information Booth Attendant](#), [Pro-Shop Attendant](#), [Cart Attendant](#), [Concessionaire](#). These positions are responsible for providing reception and hospitality activities. The Maintenance division is looking for [Maintenance Laborers](#) and [Mowing Laborers](#). These positions are responsible for maintenance or mowing for all aspects of the park and golf course. All positions must be willing to work some evenings, weekends, and holidays.

Applications for **Camp Host** and **Part Time Seasonal Help** are at City Hall (415 N. Market) or online at www.maryville.org. EOE/AA



Photo of the Month